Temporary Regents’ Scholar Diploma Guidance

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1. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, many PK-12 school systems and higher education institutions have initiated temporary grading policies that complicate applying rule provisions related to the Regents’ Scholar Diplomas. This temporary policy guidance supplements rules relevant to establishing eligibility within BOR Policy 2:3.

2. Establishing Eligibility (High School Curriculum Requirements) – No Letter Grade Below “C” Requirement: For courses taken during the Spring 2020 and/or Summer 2020 term, high school students may use a passing grade in satisfactory/unsatisfactory, pass/fail, or equivalent grading scales for courses needed to establish initial eligibility for the SDOS program. This applies only to grades received during the Spring and Summer 2020 terms.

3. Establishing Eligibility (High School Curriculum Requirements) – Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0 Requirement: A passing grade earned via satisfactory/unsatisfactory, pass/fail, or equivalent grading scales will not calculate into high school students’ cumulative GPAs for courses taken during the Spring 2020 and/or Summer 2020 terms. Therefore, these grades will neither count towards or against cumulative GPA in establishing eligibility for the Regents’ Scholar program.